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1. On 6 February 1951, certain elements of the para-military organization and of the National Association of Italian Partisans met at the headquarters of the Rome Federation of the Partito Comunista Italiano (PCI; Italian Communist Party) to discuss problems concerning Party activities. The following individuals were among those who attended the meeting: Fulvio Jacchia, Carlo Salinari, Valentino Gerratana, Rosario Bentivegna, Luigi Acrosso, Marisa Musu, Giulio Spallone, and his brother, Dario Spallone.
2. Carlo Salinari, the principal speaker, said that in the Rome Province there had never been an extensive para-military organization because, during the resistance period, the clandestine struggle did not have a mass character and because, in the period following 1945, the PCI avoided encouraging illegal action by the already constituted Gruppi Azione Partigiana (GAP; Partisan Action Groups). Salinari excluded the possibility that a para-military organization, comprising former partisan elements, could in the future be useful, and pointed out the expediency, in agreement with the point of view of the PCI Directorate, of organizing small formations such as were used during the period of the German occupation. He added that the Rome Federation has at present available about 40 squads of activists, each including about 20 men, well-trained and disciplined, who have, in practice, supported all the weight of the street demonstrations which have taken place in Rome during the past two years. The task of the para-military organization, according to Salinari, is to train these squads in military matters and to improve the cadres.
3. Then Giulio Spallone spoke, calling attention to the fact that, in the Rome Province, especially in the Monterotondo and Mentana zones, there are still some local leaders who lack discipline and support the maintenance of para-military organizations which are not directly controlled by the Party. Fulvio Jacchia promised an investigation of the para-military organization in the Province and entrusted Luigi Acrosso with this assignment.
4. At this meeting, the necessity of intensifying, especially among the youth, the study of Marxist discipline, in view of the deviationist tendencies existing at the present time, was also discussed.

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